

# Interagency **TASK FORCE** ON Drunk Driving

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## Meeting Minutes March 18, 2011

Chief Wolfenbarger (Chair) called the meeting to order.

### Attendees:

- Lindsey Federle
- Raymond Fisher
- Jennifer Gray
- Christine Flavia
- David Timken
- Glenn Davis
- Tom Quinn
- Stephen Hooper
- Patrick Maroney
- Paul Wood
- James Wolfenbarger
- Mike Elliott
- Heather Halpape
- Tom Kissler
- Bear Kay
- Abe Hutt
- Jill Hart
- Lisa Finch
- Christine Adams
- Ed Casias
- Heather Coogan

### Introductions and Initial Comments:

All present introduced themselves. There were no legislative or public comments.

### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

### Summary of Key Performance Indicators:

Below is information regarding the number of CSP covered DUI/DUID-caused crashes and DUI/DUID/DWAI arrests during the month of February in 2011 and 2010. Beginning with the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have a “dashboard” with similar information.

CSP Issued	2011	2010
Citations	February	February
DUI/DUID	394	414
DWAI	40	47
DUI Pedestrian	4	2

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		February 2010 Crashes	February 2011 Crashes	Net Change	Percent Change
<b>State: Colorado</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	2419	2215	-204	-8.43%
Fatal	Total	14	7	-7	-50.00%
	DUI/DUID	3	3	0	0.00%
	Non DUI/DUID	11	4	-7	-63.64%
Injury	Total	281	213	-68	-24.20%
	DUI/DUID	30	35	5	16.67%
	Non DUI/DUID	251	178	-73	-29.08%
Property	Total	2124	1995	-129	-6.07%
	DUI/DUID	76	65	-11	-14.47%
	Non DUI/DUID	2048	1930	-118	-5.76%

**Discussion of Request from Pam Hutton, CDOT Chief Engineer:**

Glenn Davis explained that Pam Hutton would like to be more involved with the task force but has a conflict with Friday mornings. Members discussed Ms. Hutton’s request to consider moving the task force monthly meetings to Wednesday mornings. Judge Casias, Tom Quinn, Paul Wood, Steve Hooper and Chief Wolfenbarger all have conflicts with Wednesdays which would make it either difficult or impossible for them to attend if the meetings were moved. Chief Wolfenbarger will pass along the desire to have her here for as many Fridays as possible, but the meeting dates will not be changed.

**Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events: (Heather Halpape, CDOT & Bear Kay, CSP)**

The media theme was “Make the Call to a designated driver for St. Patrick’s Day,” and CDOT participated in both Denver and Colorado Springs parades. Designated Drivers of Colorado Springs did a float for the C.S. parade. Other activities include “Kegs & Eggs.” There is a new app for android smart phones (already available for iPhones and iPod Touches) called “RUBuzzed.” April and May are prom season, and that is the next event for DUI enforcement.

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## **Legislative Update: (Trooper Juchem, CSP)**

The ITFDD is now officially reauthorized with no sunset provision. Thanks to Trooper Juchem and Melissa Nelson from CDOT for testifying at the House hearing. The question from legislators on whether this task force covered drugged driving was resolved to their satisfaction. Unofficial conversations included whether the task force was going to change its name (it is absolutely a possibility) and the difference between CCJJ and ITFDD (CCJJ makes the policies and ITFDD makes it work).

New Membership for the ITFDD was discussed. Executive Directors or designees from DOR and CDPHE will get a letter from the Chair asking for an official designation and inviting the designees to the next meeting. The Society of Addiction Counselors of Colorado has already indicated a desire to participate and its board has specified members for designation. It is believed to be the Colorado Restaurant Association which will represent on-premise consumption businesses. New members can be approved on a quorum vote in April. Additional information on a new representative was discussed during the Lightning Round by Lindsey Federle.

The THC *Per Se* Bill (SB 1261) was passed by the Senate Judiciary committee stripped of all administrative penalties. This was based solely on a fiscal note which contained a nebulous figure of roughly \$117,000 in potential costs. Without the administrative portion, this will not be endorsed by the CCJJ. CDAC & DA's Council say that at least it is something. Tom Quinn stated that it is better than what we have now, and it would be good if it passes, but he thought that the CCJJ did not want to pick it apart to go through all of the items that needed to be addressed. Judge Casias postulated that all this does is throw a number into the mix, and we're not sure that it is the right number, so are we just asking the court to vet the number? We should be doing the science before the law rather than the other way around. It doesn't really change the current situation. Steve Hooper explained that the Department of Revenue gave a hypothetical estimate of what the costs would be if it included administrative revocation, (including a hearing officer) and it was not a terribly expensive bill, but it was without an appropriate source of funding other than the general fund. This task force could look at how it could be proposed for next year with a good foundation.

HB1189, covering treatment and increased bond provisions is going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the Senate and has passed the House. It was amended on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Trooper Juchem will send Judge Casias the amended version.

## **Workplan Finalization & Assignments:**

The workplan was discussed in depth and updated, and the latest copy is attached.

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## Lightning Round Updates:

Steve Hooper asked if we should re-visit the endorsement of the THC bill. Michael Elliott (Medical Marijuana Industry Group) stated that his organization wants the science to be there and wants to work together to make it right. Judge Casias asked if the MMIG was willing to help with the collection of the science and Mr. Elliott replied “absolutely.”

Bear Kay stated that the designated driver promotion with the Denver Broncos resulted in twice the number of designated drivers than ever before.

Dr. Timken shared his thoughts on the loss of Dr. Alan Marlatt who was the originator of the relapse prevention area of work.

Lindsey Federle (MADD) brought forward a nomination for a representative from the “Under 24” category. The group discussed the information, Judge Casias made a motion to accept the nomination, and Steve Hooper seconded the motion. **The group voted unanimously to accept Joseph “Joey” Lawson as the representative of persons under age 24 and enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary school.** Additionally, MADD is hosting an event at the Space Gallery on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and will unveil its new national logo on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Finch mentioned that prevention programs at CDHS are including drugs as well as alcohol.

Christine Flavia discussed the development of a research protocol or process evaluation to show the effectiveness of interlock enhancement counseling.

Jennifer Gray shared that her daughters are struggling with the reality of the loss of their sister and father now, even though the accident occurred over six years ago.

Patrick Maroney introduced himself and stated that he will be the designee from the Liquor Enforcement Division of the Department of Revenue. Patrick is new to liquor enforcement, but has served with the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Lottery Commission and a Coroner’s Office. **He also shared some information about the EUDL (Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws) grants designed for those agencies enforcing underage liquor laws. In addition to the usual grants provided to local law enforcement agencies of approximately \$40,000 each, the Division will offer smaller grants to rural agencies. Unlike the larger grants, the smaller rural grants do not have a co-sponsorship requirement and are designed for \$6,000 - \$10,000 towards enforcement or equipment.**